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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

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MY POINT OF VIEW



Good afternoon all,
A warm welcome to George Kirby and his Halifax Town side. No doubt the Yorkshire outfit will be out for revenge after our 1-0 win at

the Shay, so it's odds on a very competitive match tonight.

Mansfield Trip

For all our supporters who made the trip to Mansfield, I am sure they will agree our second half display should have brought in at least a point. However, we failed to finish when the chances appeared, so we have only ourselves to blame.

Close-Knit League

So far this season it looks a good probability that 57 or 58 points will gain promotion, so it

is imperative for us to ensure that the month of October will prove as lucrative as the October period in our first season. I feel we have an outstanding chance of pushing ahead with five home games out of eight to be played. One of the three aways is at Rochdale, where, in the past, I am sure it has been like a home game, as we have most certainly had more supporters than the home side.

Let's hope we get off to our big push in tonight's game.

Enjoy the match,

Ian McNeill

Front page picture: Neville Southall, the Bury goalkeeper, dives in to dispossess the eager challenge of Tony Quinn and Dave McMullan. (Photo by courtesy of The Evening Post and Chronicle).

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GREAT NAMES FROM THE PAST

BY HAROLD ASHURST

THE FAMOUS half back line of Patterson, Hancock and Tuffnell will bring back many memories for the older Latics fans. All three were signed by that shrewdest of managers Charlie Spencer and came together at the start of the 1934 season when Latics were beginning to establish themselves as a leading non-league club despite their comparatively short life-time. Each member of the half-back line was special in his own right, but it is

the left half, Sid Tuffnell, of whom I will make special mention in these notes.

Sid holds the distinction of probably being the smallest man ever to play for Wigan Athletic. He was just over five feet tall and would make Dave McMullan look like the jolly green giant, but like McMullan he was a battler and possessed no little skill. Tuffnell had the looks of Billy Bremner and older fans will remember his harassing play, always snapping at the heels of the opposition players and in his four years with Latics he became a great favourite with the fans. Sid was signed by Spencer from Sheffield United. He was a Sheffield lad and when he finished playing with Latics he went back to the City to live.

However, the old Latics favourite never forgot the club with whom he had enjoyed so many good times. When Latics played Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough a few years ago, on the arrival of the team coach at the famous ground, a little man stepped forward from the waiting crowds and asked "Is Duncan Colquhoun still about?" It was Sid Tuffnell. He had not forgotten the long-standing friendship with his old playing colleague, who still served the club as physio. The two ex-players, plus director Jack Farrimond, then proceeded to talk about the good old days and memories of happy times shared.

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by Fred Eyre

AMONGST all the young professionals, apprentices, non-contract players hoping to make their name in the game, along with the trialists and senior pros, one name has appeared regularly on the reserve team sheet for the past six months — number 5 Mick Clarke. Mick does not fall into any of these categories but has been for me the most valuable member of my team.

Early last season our young players were playing well, but in every game, somewhere

during the ninety minutes, got an attack of "the wobblers" and I found that, not being on the field myself, I could not always put them back on the right track even though I spotted it happening. I needed an experienced player with a good character also on the pitch to guide them through these sticky patches so that the youngsters could play with confidence and express themselves for the full ninety minutes. I knew of just such a player languishing in the reserves at Southport and persuaded Mick Clarke to join us.

It is a measure of the successful way he has tackled the job that, up to last week's game, he had played fifteen games and not been on the losing side at all. Of course, when all the youngsters begin to go through full games without lapses in concentration, "Clarkey's" job will have been done and he will have to step down to give them their heads. Last week, we decided to do without him . . . and lost 1-3 at Chester. Our long unbeaten run came to an end, but Mick's unbeaten run is not yet over!!

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A FEW weeks ago, I made an indirect appeal to supporters who wished to help the club to come forward and let me know their ideas. As a result, several enthusiasts have called at my office to talk things over, and, in two particular instances, positive action has been taken.

Sam Green, a long-time supporter, with an agency near the traffic lights at Bryn Cross, has donated the club the use of free advertising space in the shape of a six-foot square notice board. Anyone travelling into Ashton-in-Makerfield by the A49 can now easily observe the details of our next first team "home" fixture at Springfield Park. The club is more than delighted to provide the posters which are attached to the notice-board, and we thank Sam for his most useful practical gesture of support.

A very keen group of supporters from the Pemberton area are in the process of "raffling off" an autographed football at ten pence a ticket. The club was delighted to purchase the ball and obtain the necessary signatures to make the hard slog of selling the tickets that little bit easier for supporters who are prepared to do their own special thing to help the cause. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards the special project of financing Wigan Athletic's share of the Springfield Park Community Sports' Facility. I shall be writing more about the project in the next issue of our match programme, but, meanwhile, if there is anything

you can do as an individual, or as a group, please come along for a chat sometime, or telephone Wigan 43067, and who knows, we may be able to play our part in launching your own special scheme for assisting the Wigan Athletic Football Club.

We are delighted to acknowledge the joint sponsorship of tonight's game by Cox's Carpets of Market Street, Wigan, telephone Wigan 45625, and Green's Carpets of Woodhouse Lane, Wigan, telephone Wigan 45141. Our particular thanks are due to Mr. Dennis Lowe and Mr. Wally Green for the interest shown in our club, and we would recommend our supporters to examine for themselves the quality carpeting offered by these two well known Wigan carpet centres.

Tonight we have a novel match ball donation by the "Jeff Wright Appreciation Society" as a group of supporters have termed themselves. The gesture speaks for itself, but the supporters would like Jeff to know that his loyalty and skill are fully appreciated.

Enjoy the game.

Jack Sudworth

Commercial Manager



Letterbox

Springfield Park, Wigan, Lancs.
29th September, 1980.

Dear Readers,
After a really heavy postbag before the Bury game, we have only had a handful of contributors during the last ten days. We are delighted to give the complimentary tickets as prizes, so keep the letters rolling in.
Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager.

39 Hayman Avenue, Pennington, Leigh, Lancs. 18th September, 1980.

Dear Sir,

In these days of falling gates at League matches, we still hear of large attendances at North American Soccer League matches. What many people fail to realise is that a large proportion of spectators are provided with free tickets.

This leads me to my suggestion that the Club should make two or three hundred free tickets per match available to local schools for pupils. This would help to stimulate interest amongst the younger generation (the adult supporters of the future) and might also bring along a few fathers; and would also help to create a larger, noisier crowd which would prove useful to the players. If only two or three youngsters per game became regular supporters the snowball effect would be quite appreciable.

Yours truly,
A. Parkinson.

Editor's Comment: *Mr. Parkinson's suggestion is basically sound, but, as one who has seen this idea operate in the past at school level and mindful as I am of the Football Club's position, I feel that the number of tickets issued ought not to exceed one hundred per home fixture and that tickets should be issued on a rota basis to local schools.*

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PHOTOFILE



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TOP RIGHT: Tommy Gore gets behind the Bury defence to register his fifth goal of the season.
ABOVE: Tommy Gore celebrates a rare headed goal against visitors Bury.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Bobby Hutchinson comes in for some very tight marking by the Bury defence.



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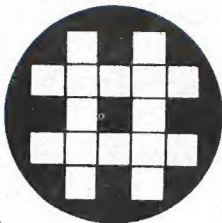
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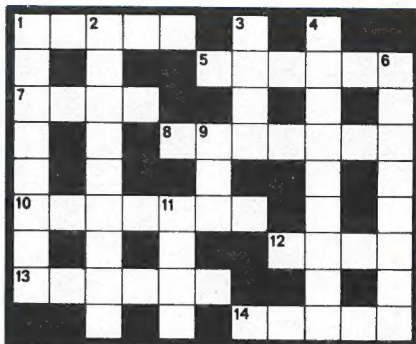
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CLUB CLUE No. 7

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:
Julie Christie's film carries weight.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 7

Rearrange the letters in each of the words **HOOTS** and **CORES** to find related soccer words.



SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 7

No. 7 (Compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. Winger who spent ten years with Spurs and featured in their 1961 'double' team (5)
5. Picked to play at the top level (6)
7. One of the two old Stephenson brothers (each of whom played for Aston Villa and, later, England) (4)
8. A manager must --- a player in order to substitute him (4,3)
10. When first formed, Manchester United were known as Newton Heath, Yorks & Lancs --- (7)
12. Eire boss after Giles (4)
13. Colour Arsenal are sometimes seen in (6)
14. & 3dn. Where the last promotion issue of last season was sorted out (5,4)

DOWN

1. In 1971 he succeeded Bobby Brown as manager of Scotland (8)
2. FA Cup semi-final city (9)
3. See 14ac
4. London Ground (5,4)
6. Nominally any one from 2 to 6 (8)
9. Hartford, perhaps (3)
11. Keepers Jeff and George (4)

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Answers on Page 22.





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OUR VISITORS



HALIFAX TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB Season 1980-1981 (Left to right) **Back Row:** Mickey Bullock (Trainer/Coach), Carl Dryhurst, Francis Firth, Stephen Ward, Robert Mimms, Andy Stafford, John Kilner, Clive Nattress, David Harris, Malcolm Goodman, George Kirby (Manager). **Front Row:** Kenny Burton, Chris Dunleavy, Andy Whiteley, David Evans, Kevin Johnson, Vernon Allatt, Paul Hendrie.

TONIGHT we are pleased to welcome our friends from Halifax Town to Springfield Park, for what will no doubt prove to be another dour Lancashire v Yorkshire struggle. Although we have yet to lose to the men from "The Shay" in Football League fixtures, each of the five games previously played has been hard fought and closely contested. We can be sure that at the end of ninety minutes both sets of players will know they have been in a game, for no quarter is ever given or demanded in a "Roses" encounter.

After the heady days of the early 1970's, when the "Town" narrowly missed promotion to the Second Division after finishing third in Division Three in Season 1970-1971, the club has gradually declined in fortune and has had a far from easy ride in Division Four since 1976. However, under George Kirby, there has been real evidence of a revival. With the hard-working Tony Thwaites, also putting in great efforts on the commercial side, the West Yorkshire club must eventually break out of their lean spell and enjoy better days.

To all our guests, whether directors, management, staff or supporters, we extend all our best wishes. We look forward to a competitive game, played in a good spirit, and wish our visitors a safe journey home across the Pennines.

PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Season 1978-1979 | |
| 18.10.80. | Wigan Ath. 1 Halifax Town 0 H.T. Score 1-0 Att. 5,216 Scorers: Wigan Ath.: Hinnigan Halifax Town: — |
| 16.12.78. | Halifax Town 1 Wigan Ath. 2 H.T. Score 0-2 Att. 2,437 Scorers: Halifax Town: Carroll Wigan Ath.: Moore, Purdie |
| Season 1979-1980 | |
| 19.3.80. | Halifax Town 0 Wigan Ath. 0 H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 1,406 Scorers: — |
| 12.4.80. | Wigan Ath. 3 Halifax Town 1 H.T. Score 1-0 Att. 5,076 Scorers: Wigan Ath.: M. Quinn, Davids, Houghton Halifax Town: Smith |
| Season 1980-1981 | |
| 16.9.80. | Halifax Town 0 Wigan Ath. 1 H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 2,052 Scorers: Halifax Town: — Wigan Ath.: A. Quinn |

HALIFAX TOWN F.C.

PEN PICTURES

JOHN KILNER — Preston in September replaced Mick Leo (Notts County) in goal and had a spell on loan which has continued to competent keeper favourite. 46 league last term.

DAVID EVANS — the close season of £22,500 from Aston central defender and fierce shot, Dave's higher grade has made the Shaymen's future helped to make him the side. Missed only injury) last season. appearances.

FRANCIS (FRAN) DEWSBURY born Huddersfield Town apprentice professional sign full time in October and tricky wingman in the opposition. He joined in February 1978. 43 appearances.

MALCOLM GOODMAN — Shaymen in September Bromsgrove Rovers, side he had been with in Birmingham local football. 21 league appearances.

ROBERT MIMMS — apprentice who joined from school in April capable goalkeeper. John Kilner.

DAVID HARRIS — 200 league appearances. Dave signed for Town in 1979. A reliable and player, his knowledge of the game have proved an asset to the team. 51 league appearances.

PAUL HENDRIE —

Ground: The Shay, Halifax.
Year Formed: 1911
Football League Record: 1921 Original Member
3rd Division (North),
1958-1963 Division 3, 1963-1969 Division 4,
1969-1976 Division 3, 1976-1980 Division 4.



League debut in the colours of Birmingham City during the 1973 season. A fine midfield schemer with the heart of a lion. Paul signed for Halifax Town during the close season of 1979 from Bristol Rovers for a fee of £5,000. This former Celtic Apprentice who has also experienced a spell of American Football with Portland Timbers has endeared himself to Shay fans through his genuine personality and would surely command a substantial fee in today's transfer market. Voted by the supporters club as 'player of the season' last term. 42 league and cup appearances.

ANDY WHITTLE — Joined Town from school in August 1979. Andy is a versatile player equally at home in midfield or in the front runners. Given a few opportunities in the first team last season he is fully expected to press his claims for a regular first team berth this term. 9 appearances.

ANDY STAFFORD — A former associate schoolboy with Manchester City, Andy signed for Halifax Town in December 1978, after being on



Blackburn's books as an apprentice. A skilful player and a fine crosser of the ball. He made 33 league and cup appearances last term scoring 2 goals.

KENNY BURTON — Sheffield born, he joined Sheffield Wednesday from school and went on to make 50 appearances after making his debut in 1967. Snapped up by Chesterfield on a free transfer and during his 7 seasons with the Saltergate Club made 275 appearances. An England youth international (against Bulgaria, Holland and Russia) he had a period on loan to Peterborough before joining Town during the close season.

TOMMY O'NEIL — Tommy began his career with Manchester United and

enjoyed more than one complete season in their First Division side. Following a loan spell with Blackpool, he was transferred to Southport in 1973 and became quite a regular goalscorer for the Sandgrounders. Tranmere signed him in 1978 and he moved on to Halifax this summer.

KEVIN JOHNSON — £25,000, club record buy in August 1979 when signed from Huddersfield Town. Equally at home in the forwards or midfield, Kevin is rated as one of the most gifted players in the division. Formerly with Hartlepool, Sheffield Wednesday, Southend, Gillingham and Workington. Made 11 appearances and scored 4 goals last season before being sidelined with a broken leg.

CARL DRYHURST — Joined the Shaymen from non-league football in November 1979 from Sutton United. He is a burly centre-forward who made a few appearances in his first season in the Football League.

STEPHEN WARD — A close season signing from Northampton Town. This young midfield player started his career with Brighton and Hove Albion. He joined them straight from school.

VERNON ALLATT — Like Carl Dryhurst Vernon joined the Shaymen from non-league football with Hednesford Town for a fee of £5,000 in November 1979. A former miner, he plays as a striker, and has good speed and ball control.

CLIVE NATTRASS — Close season signing from Darlington, this Durham born player joined Blackpool as a 17 year old and stayed 4 years before joining the



Feethams Club in 1972. Almost 400 league and cup appearances to his credit the fullback has proved his versatility by filling every outfield position and has even played in goal during a friendly game.

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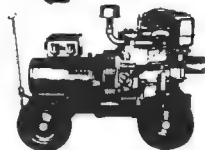
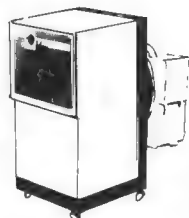
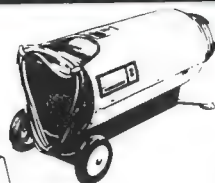
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2 Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
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| Aug 9 | CREWE ALEXANDRA F.L. Cup 1 1st Leg. | 2-1 | 5,512 | | Brown | Fretwell | Whittle | Gore† | Methven | David | McMullan | Wright | Houghton | Hutchinson | Terney | A Quinn |
| Aug 13 | Crewe Alexandra F.L. Cup 1 2nd Leg RET | 2-2 | 4,063 | | Brown | Fretwell | Whittle | Gore† | Methven | David | A Quinn | Wright | Houghton | Hutchinson | Terney | McMullan |
| Aug 16 | HARTLEPOOL UNITED | 0-3 | 5,332 | | Brown | Fretwell | Whittle | Gore | Methven | David | McMullan | Wright | Houghton | Hutchinson | A Quinn | McMullan |
| Aug 23 | Lincoln City | 0-2 | 3,939 | | Brown | Curtis | Fretwell | Gore | Methven | David | M Quinn | Wright | Houghton | Hutchinson | Whittle | McMullan |
| Aug 27 | Preston N.E. F.L. Cup 2 1st Leg. | 0-1 | 8,028 | | Brown | Curtis | Fretwell | Gore | Methven | David | McMullan | Wright | Houghton | Hutchinson | M Quinn | A Quinn |
| Aug 30 | ALDERSHOT | 1-0 | 4,300 | | Brown | Fretwell | Whittle | Gore | Methven | David | McMullan | Wright | Houghton | Hutchinson | M Quinn | A Quinn |
| Sep 3 | PRESTON N.E. F.L. CUP 2 2nd Leg | 1-2 | 9,692 | | Brown | Fretwell | Whittle | Gore | Methven | David | McMullan | Wright | Houghton | Hutchinson | Corrigan | Glenn |
| Sep 6 | PORT VALE | 1-0 | 4,666 | | Brown | Fretwell | Whittle | Gore | Methven | David | McMullan | Wright | Houghton | Hutchinson | Corrigan | Glenn |
| Sep 13 | Darlington | 1-3* | 2,321 | | Brown | Fretwell | Kettle | Gore | Methven | David | McMullan | Wright | Houghton | Hutchinson | Corrigan | Glenn |
| Sep 16 | Halifax Town | 1-0 | 2,052 | | Brown | Curtis | Kettle | Gore | Methven | David | McMullan | Wright | Houghton | Hutchinson | Corrigan | Glenn |
| Sep 20 | Bury | 1-0 | 6,021 | | Ward | Curtis | Kettle | Gore | Methven | David | McMullan | Wright | Houghton | Hutchinson | Corrigan | M Quinn |
| Sep 27 | Mansfield Town | 2-1 | 3,402 | | Ward | Curtis | Kettle | Gore | Methven | David | McMullan | Wright | Houghton | Hutchinson | Corrigan | M Quinn |
| Oct 1 | HALIFAX TOWN | 1-3 | 3,402 | | Ward | Curtis | Kettle | Gore | Methven | David | McMullan | Wright | Houghton | Hutchinson | Corrigan | M Quinn |
| Oct 4 | Rochdale | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Urquhart |
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| Dec 27 | Stockport County | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 3 | SOUTHEND UNITED | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 10 | York City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 17 | HEREFORD UNITED | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 24 | Aldershot | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 31 | LINCOLN CITY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 3 | Northampton Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 7 | DARLINGTON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 14 | Port Vale | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 21 | MANSHIELD TOWN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 28 | Bury | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar 7 | ROCHDALE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar 13 | Peterborough United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar 21 | TORQUAY UNITED | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar 27 | Tranmere Rovers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr 4 | A.F.C. Bournemouth | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr 11 | Bradford City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr 18 | STOCKPORT COUNTY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr 20 | Crewe Alexandra | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr 25 | WIMBLEDON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 2 | Scunthorpe United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Lincoln City | 9 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 6 13 |
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| Birmingham City v Ipswich Town or Norwich City |
| Coventry City v Cambridge United |
| Liverpool v Bristol Rovers or Portsmouth |
| Manchester City v Notts County |
| Tottenham Hotspur or Crystal Palace v Arsenal |
| Watford v Notts Forest |
| West Bromwich Albion v Preston North End |
| West Ham United v Barnsley |

PLAYER

Neil Davids

(Defender)

Birthplace: **Bradford**

Place of Residence: **Hawkey Hall, Wigan.**

Date of Birth: **22nd Sept., 1956.**

Height: **6'1"**

Weight: **12st. 4lbs.**

Previous Professional Clubs:

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Swansea City.

Advice to Youngsters: **Don't expect success overnight. Be patient and always give 100 per cent effort.**

Neil made his debut in League Football with Norwich City against Ipswich Town, in 1976, in a First Division game. He has made 83 appearances in Football League games.



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GOOD EVENING and welcome once again to Springfield Park, and a very special welcome to our friends and visitors from Halifax.

With reference to our recent Fourth Division fixture at the Shay ground, I wish to record our sincere thanks to Mr. P. Dawson of Halifax Town, for his co-operation in our endeavour to construct a reciprocal agreement in connection with bona-fide supporters' club members visiting other grounds. Should Mr. Dawson visit our club either before or after the game, he and his colleagues can be sure of a warm welcome.

On the same theme, our Supporters' Club soccer team was given a grand reception by Mr. Godfrey and his Mansfield Supporters' Club members on Saturday morning last. Our lads left Wigan soon after 8.00 a.m. to compete in a challenge football match between the two clubs, prior to the "big game" in the afternoon. I understand Wigan were leading at half time, but at the close the Mansfield team ran out deserving winners. What impressed our members was the first-class co-operation and the high level of hospitality offered. I feel sure both this event and many more will become a permanent feature of our understanding between supporters and that can only be good for the many people connected with each week's football activities.

This coming weekend, we have the pleasure of

extending a welcome to two glamorous ladies of the entertainment world. On Saturday night, 4th October, we welcome Miss Carol Jason from Manchester, while, on Sunday, 5th October, also, I understand, from the Manchester area, we welcome Miss Ann Marshall. Both shows are due on stage at 8.30 p.m., so why not join us?

In our next home programme, I hope to have preliminary details of two big nights to be held in the club during November.

Meanwhile, our best wishes to all,

Sincerely,

Peter Woods

SUPPORTERS
CLUB NEWS



WHAM!!! "The smaller they are the harder they fall" is the message firmly hammered out by giants Arsenal and Nottingham Forest, who saw Stockport County's and Bury's respective League Cup challenge off with contempt.

Poor old Bury really became the butt of an in-form Forest side losing 0-7 at Gigg Lane, but behind the dark cloud was the silver lining — welcome "gate" receipts from the 9,000 spectators providing Bury's biggest crowd of the season. Stockport County went down to Arsenal at Edgeley Park 1-3, but their cash consolation proved even sweeter with more than 11,500 fans turning out to see the game.

While some clubs rake the cash in, albeit on a one-off affair, another is calling for a major economy drive. Peterborough United registered a record loss of £56,757 last season to take their overdraft to around £123,000 and it is believed the "Posh" are currently losing around £1,000 per week. Still at London Road, Alan Slough, the 32-year old Peterborough United defender made his 500th league appearance at Torquay last weekend. He previously played for Luton Town and Fulham.

On the transfer front, Halifax Town are having a tough

time trying to sign a goalscorer. Their latest target was Portsmouth's Derek Showers, now fully recovered from the broken leg sustained last season. Both clubs agreed on a £30,000 fee, and Showers favoured the move, but the stumbling block was the reluctance of Derek's wife to leave their Bournemouth home. Meanwhile, relegated Wimbledon swooped on Portman Road to capture striker David Hibbick from Ipswich Town for around £10,000.

Lincoln City, without Colin Boulton who broke a leg at Crewe recently, replaced him with former Rochdale and Bolton goalkeeper Dave Felgate. Bolton and Lincoln City have agreed on terms which could make the deal permanent.

Halifax Town midfielder Kevin Johnson played his first senior match against Wimbledon since breaking his leg a year ago. Steve Peplow, of Tranmere Rovers, had the best, and most acceptable, excuse for being a doubtful starter for his side's recent game against York City — he had been called up for jury service.

Current leading scorers in the Fourth Division are Lincoln City's Mick Harford and Peterborough United's Rob Cooke, each with nine goals, Aldershot's Murray Brodie follows with eight goals.



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SCENE & HEARD

IT WAS most heartening to attract more than 6,000 spectators to the last "home" game against Bury. Much has been written about declining "gates", and it has been rather worrying to twice draw fewer than 5,000 spectators to early season fixtures at Springfield Park, but regular examination of match attendance figures makes one realise just how much more fortunate we are than some of our colleagues in the Third and Fourth Divisions of the Football League. Indeed, even at Second Division level, some clubs are failing to attract a regular following of 5,000 spectators; for the directors of these clubs it must be a real headache trying to cover the costs of a higher-grade operation both on and off the field of play. Several remedies have been suggested, but, for our part, it is felt that, once mid-November is past, given a reasonable run of success out on the park, "gates" should stabilise and hold up well, since, thereafter, "home" league games will only take place at ten or fourteen day intervals. With families beginning to experience the financial pressures more and more as winter progresses, we are likely to be more than

grateful that our product will not be over-exposed during that testing period. It is also the case that with Christmas expenditure yet to be coped with, the family man will be equally delighted to be able to support his team at every "home" game and not be forced to miss a mid-week game on grounds of cost. Family-tickets, saver-schemes, special rates for the unemployed are all being mooted as short-term methods of maintaining support. We, in the North West, where unemployment is biting remorselessly into family resources, have already noted Liverpool's mid-week "gate" of less than 17,000 spectators for the League Cup tie with Swindon Town. If such a powerful force as "The Reds" are experiencing a decline in mid-week "gates", then we can expect the campaign for a reduction in the number of league games to be played to get a further airing in the near future. Meanwhile, The Wigan Athletic Football Club remains thankful for its regular support and looks forward to the prospects of winter not without hope for even better attendances, if a promotion challenge can be mounted.

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The Chairman's Column

I AM pleased to welcome Halifax Town to Springfield Park for tonight's return league game. Both clubs could use the points at stake, so we can look forward to an interesting and competitive game.

We were all absolutely delighted that our last home game against Bury was the main feature on Granada's Saturday night soccer spot, but we were very upset and disappointed at the comments that were made after the screening of the match. When one considers that we did everything possible to co-operate, even to removing seats from the Directors' Box to accommodate the camera crew and commentators, we surely deserved more than the verbal side-swipe at the Fourth Division. It is high time that certain people realised that Fourth Division clubs play a vital role in the Football League structure. We are proud of our efforts, and the entertainment we provide, and we certainly see no reason for any individual to "apologise" for a contract which allows the viewer, once in a while, to observe a Fourth Division, rather than a First Division game.

I was very disappointed with the result against Mansfield Town. With just a little more drive, and better finishing, we could have taken one, if not both points which were at stake. We are still looking for improvement and we expect that our next few games will produce the consistent level of performance needed to make us real challengers for promotion.

I am sure I do not need to remind our enthusiastic supporters that last Saturday's game at Mansfield was the club's 100th Football League fixture. Two of our players, Tommy Gore and Jeff Wright, share the distinction of having played in every one of those games. To acknowledge their achievement, the club is delighted to mark the occasion with the presentation of mementoes to Tommy and Jeff, who have served us so well both at non-league and Football League levels. In the very near future we hope to launch a series of Sportsmen's Evenings at Tiffany's in Wigan. By providing a good meal, by inviting celebrity speakers to address an all-male audience and by backing up the speakers with a good class of entertainer, we hope to raise valuable financial support for the Wigan Athletic Football Club. Tickets for each evening will cost £10.00 per person and details of our first night-out to be held in late November will be announced soon. Meanwhile, thank you for the magnificent support which is the envy of many other Third and Fourth Division clubs. If we can keep up the good work through the winter months ahead, we can only go from strength to strength and move on up the soccer ladder.

Enjoy tonight's match.

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OFFICIALS

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(Birmingham)

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